

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
Town Clerk: Mrs S Raybould Tel: 01663 733068 e-mail: towncouncil@whaleybridge.com

Meeting: Town Council
Date: 9th October 2014
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Swift, Thomas, Wild and Anne Winter. Rev Margaret Jones, PC Toby Maddock

MINUTES

C14/88 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Linda Leather, Susanne Lomas and Taylor.

C14/89 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications – None

C14/90 Community Police

PC Maddock reported recent local crime statistics. He is investigating the problems with youth anti-social behaviour along Reservoir Road and Footpath 102 adjacent to Brookfield House with a view to introducing legal orders to alleviate the nuisance.

C14/91 Open Forum

Keith Hufton reported progress with organising the Firework Display to be held at the Whaley Bridge Bowling Club on 1st November 2014. He stated that the event would be financially viable and a charity band concert is planned to take place in the car park after the event.

C14/92 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11th September 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C14/93 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received.

C14/94 Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts listed below be authorised for payment:

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2595	WB Band	Donation	250.00
2596	WB Cricket Club	Donation	544.00
2597	S D Rumbellow	MMS Footpath work	430.00
2598	Grant Thornton UK LLP	External audit fee 2013/14	480.00
2599	WB Royal British Legion	3 Poppy Wreaths	66.00
2600	M Appleby	Brookfield Pond fence	900.00
2601	Mechanics Institute	October account	595.17
2602	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleaning	60.12
2603	Trusted IT Ltd	Computer backup/repairs	96.00
2604	Nemesis Pyrotechnics Ltd	Firework Display	2500.00
2606	Brady Corps Ltd/Seton	Allotment signs	307.71
2607	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Footpath repair materials	31.20
2608	Open Spaces Society	Subscription	45.00
2609	HMRC	PAYE & NI November	582.31
2610	DCC	Superannuation	529.11
2611	Cash	Petty cash Octoebr 2014	67.17
TOTAL			£ 7483.79

C14/95 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Pritchard reported that the two DALC employees are no longer employed by Rural Action Derbyshire but solely by the DALC organisation.

Cllr Pritchard reported that he had attended the recent quarterly NALC meeting and that NALC and SLCC had formed a joint working party to investigate clerks' working hours and contracts.

Cllr Goldfinch reported on the Sports Association AGM held on 15th September 2014.

C14/96 Correspondence

1. Grant Thornton – Annual Return External Certificate.
2. WB RBL – The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held on Sunday 9th November 2014 at St John's Church Furness Vale at 10.45am. All groups to be in church by 10.30am. Following this, a short service will be held at The War Memorial, WB Memorial Park.
3. DCC – response regarding Public Nuisance along Footpath 102, WB.
4. RAD – information about Hallmaster online booking and invoice management system.
5. Messagemaker – Speed activated signs.
6. Derbyshire Alert – warning about cybercriminal 'fake payment' activity.
7. Police/WBTC – e-mails regarding Public Nuisance along Footpath 102, WB.
8. DCC – consultation on addition of Calico Lane FV to definitive footpath map. **Agreed to respond supporting this consultation.**
9. DCC – household electricals recycling and re-use event on Saturday 27th September 2014 10:00 to 16:00 at WB Tesco store car park.
10. HPBC – notice of submission of High Peak Local Plan.
11. WB Cricket Club – Thanks for funding assistance for scoreboard.
12. RAD – confirmation of Hallmaster Training in November date to be agreed.
13. HPBC – response confirming Christine Latham dealing with issues regarding Children's Playground in the Memorial Park.
14. The Local Government Boundary Commission – summary of the Commission's report with Electoral Review of High Peak final recommendations.
15. Rialtas Business Solutions – 2015/16 Fees and Charges information.

16. DCC – Temporary Road Closure Notice for Jodrell Road WB from junction with Whaley Lane to junction with Jodrell Meadow to facilitate Gas Main refurbishment works from 27th October 2014 to 14th November 2014.
17. HP CVS – invitation to AGM at WB Uniting Church on Friday 17th October from 12.15pm to 3.15pm.
18. DD CAB – invitation to Annual Celebration and AGM on Thursday 4th December at 3.30pm at Matlock Town Football Club.
19. HPBC – DCC Public Health Small Grants promotion.
20. Barrie Walker – copy of e-mail response to response from HPBC regarding his complaints about the Memorial Park Children’s Playground.
21. **DALC Circulars -**

 No 20/2014 – Covering the basics of employment
 Elections 2015 – Get it Right
 Data Protection and Freedom of Information Workshops
 Vacancy
 No 21/2014 – DALC new website
 Town and Parish Council Elections 2015
 Tax exemptions on councillor’s travel
 Connecting Derbyshire

 No 22/2014 - Automatic enrolment – a guide for town and parish councils.
22. Fly a Flag – a copy of the Commonwealth Affirmation as requested by participants of the Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 9th March 2015.
23. HPCVS – information about MP’s trip to visit Houses of Parliament.
24. HPBC – Protected tree applications and notifications update.
25. HPBC – Public Health Small Grant Scheme criteria for HP.
26. PDNPA – latest Parishes Planning Bulletin, Annual Report for PD Rural Housing Association and reminder to notify of Parishes Day attendance.

C14/97 Mechanics Institute Trustee Meeting – 9th October 2014

The Clerk reported on the Trustee Meeting which had taken place prior to the WBTC meeting.

RESOLVED: To include an amount of £5,500 in the 2015/16 refurbishment budget for the Mechanics Institute.

C14/98 Audit of WBTC Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014

The approved Annual Return was received from the External Auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP with no comment.

C14/99 Highways Issues

A design drawing was received from Steve Alcock (DCC Highways) showing the proposed extension to the pavement at the junction of Reservoir Road with Whaley Lane to improve pedestrian safety at this location.

RESOLVED: To support the proposed pavement layout.

RESOLVED: To request the following information from Steve Alcock resulting from recent site meeting:

1. When will de-cluttering of the signs adjacent to the telephone box at the Station Car Park take place?
2. When will the new Whaley Lane street name sign be installed?
3. When will replacement Furness Vale village entry sign be erected?
4. Have the conflicting bridge height signs for the bridge across Whaley Lane been corrected at the Disley end of Buxton Old Road?

RESOLVED: To ask Andrew Bingham MP for a progress report on the proposed re-trunking of the A6, specifically to alleviate traffic problems through Furness Vale.

C14/100 Refilling Grit Bins

RESOLVED: To authorise Piranha Gardens to refill 26 WBTC grit bins initially with existing grit stocks for the same cost as for last year.

C14/101 Furness Vale Post Office

The Clerk reported progress as detailed in the email from Cllr Susanne Lomas. The Royal Mail scoping manager will visit FV Community Centre on 16th October 2014 to agree the terms of the service arrangements and re-location of the post box.

C14/102 Furness Vale WW1 Memorial Plaque

The memorial plaque has been installed at St. John's Church, Furness Vale. A dedication brass plaque has been ordered by the Church from Jeremy Unsworth and the installation had been carried out by Mike Whelan for £700. The Rev Margaret Owens plans to hold a special dedication service next Spring. It was noted that WBTC had already donated £250 towards this project but a request for further funding had been made.

RESOLVED: To advise St. John's Church to apply to HPBC for a grant from the HPBC WW1 Community Events fund towards the project costs.

C14/103 Shallcross Incline Greenway – Grounds Maintenance

It was reported that the greenway had become very overgrown and the accessible width restricted by encroaching vegetation.

RESOLVED: To obtain quotations to carry out vegetation clearance work along the length of the greenway.

RESOLVED: To include an additional sum for regular vegetation clearance in the annual grounds maintenance budget for the Shallcross Incline Greenway.

C14/104 Sunnybank Allotment Site

Cllr Thomas reported that the posts and numbers to identify the additional allotment plots had been received and would be erected shortly. The new plots had been allocated and the next working party would take place on Saturday, 1st November 2014. No further progress had been achieved with negotiating the new lease for the Sunnybank Allotment Site with HPBC. Work to identify and surface the new dividing paths would take place during November when materials would be available from DCC Chapel Depot.

C14/105 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thomas reported on a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. It was noted that more volunteers were required and it was proposed to re-launch the plan in the New Year.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chairman

Date.....